

# Indexing for Summary Queries: Theory and Practice

## Introduction

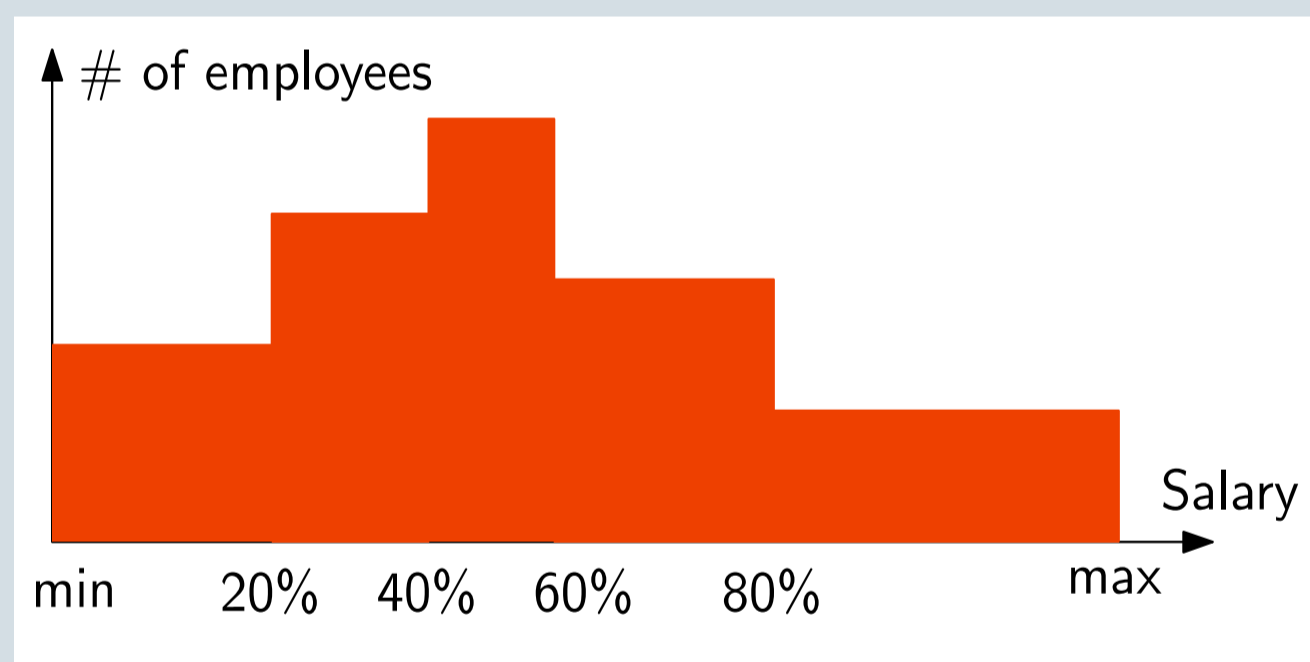
- Traditional database queries: Aggregation vs. Reporting

<pre>SELECT T.salary FROM Table T WHERE 30 &lt; T.age &lt; 40</pre>	<pre>SELECT AVG(T.salary) FROM Table T WHERE 30 &lt; T.age &lt; 40</pre>
<p>\$32,000 \$76,300 \$54,400 ... \$68,000 \$28,000</p>	<p>50,000 records      \$52,312</p>

**Motivation:** Aggregation is fast, but reporting is more expressive [1].

Best of both world?

- (Q1) In a company's database: What is the distribution of salaries of all employees aged between 30 and 40?



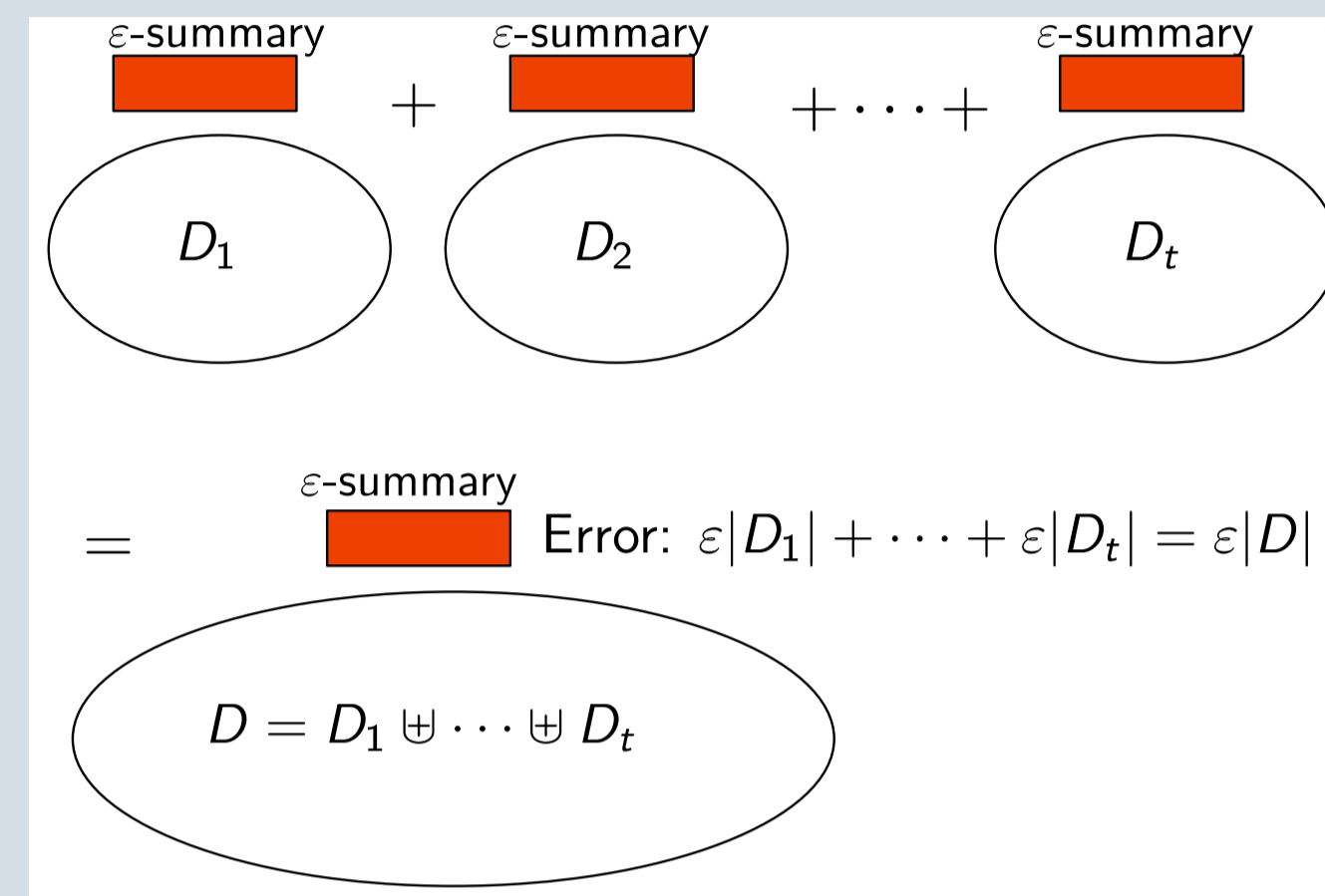
- (Q2) In a search engine's query logs: What are the most frequently queried keywords between March 11 and April 7, 2011?

### Search Engine Log

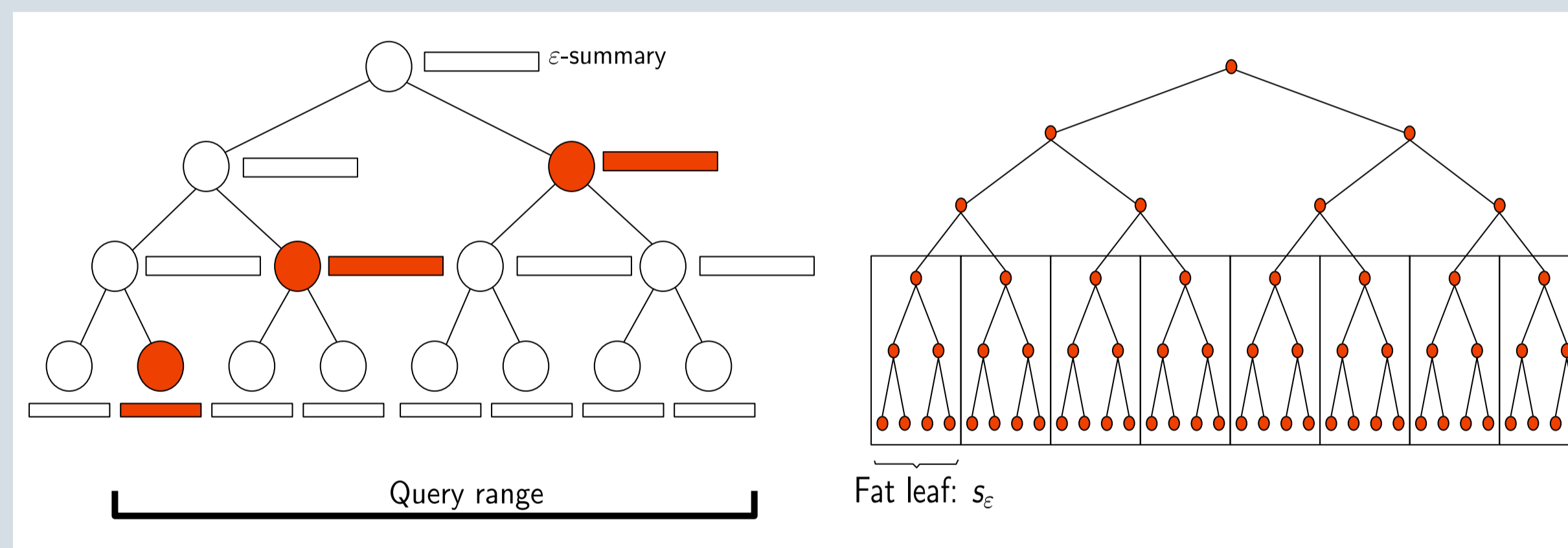
Date	Keyword	Keyword	Frequency
2011.04.08	Masters 2011		
2011.04.08	Libya		
2011.04.07	Japan nuclear crisis	Japan nuclear crisis	16.5%
2011.04.07	Libya	Libya	19.3%
...			
2011.03.11	Japan earthquake	Japan earthquake	10.2%
2011.03.11	Japan tsunami	...	
2011.03.10	NCAA		
...			

## Data Structure

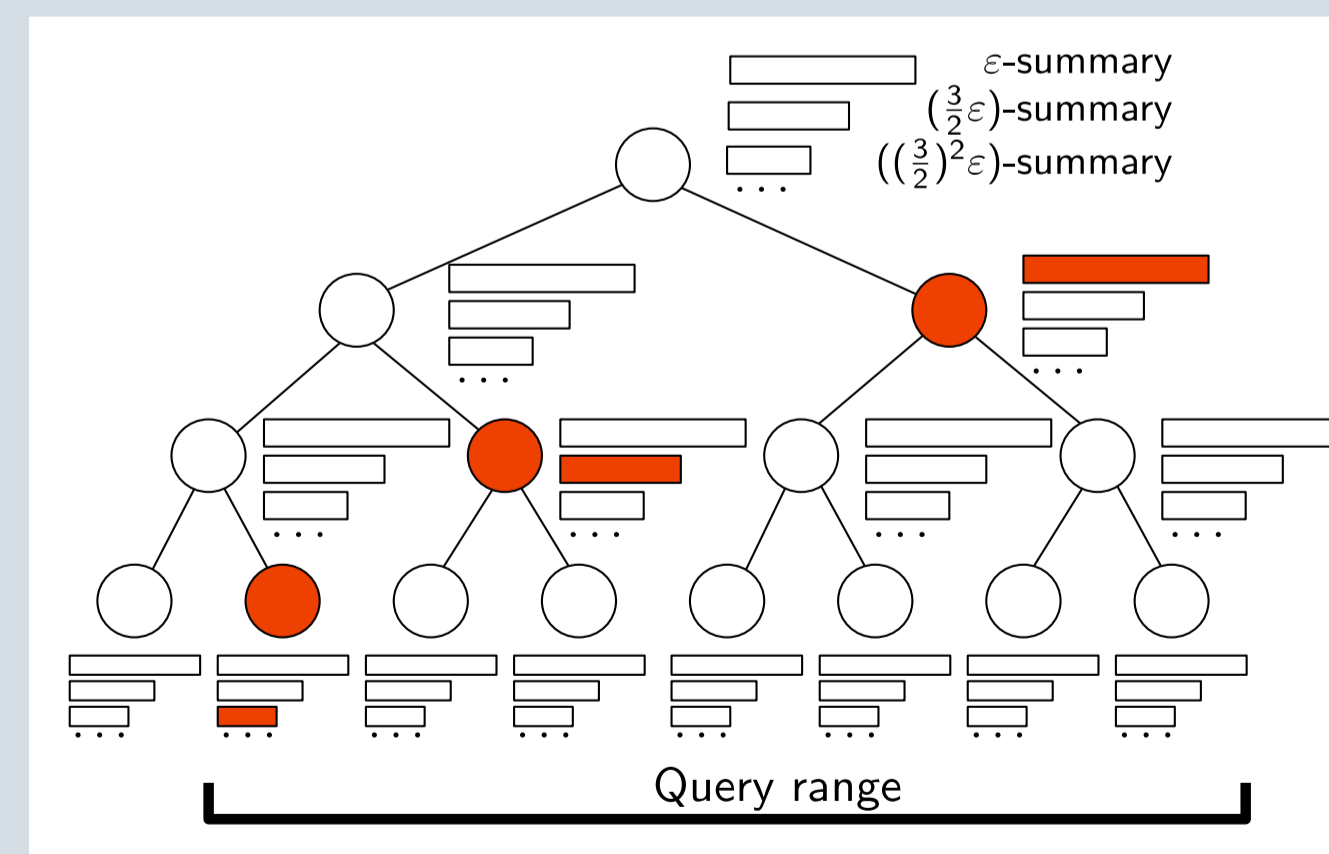
- Decomposable summaries



- Baseline structure



- Optimal structure



- Theoretical bounds:

Space:  $O(N)$   
 Query cost:  $O(\log N + s_\epsilon)$  for internal memory  
 $O(\log_B N + s_\epsilon/B)$  I/Os for external memory

## Experiment

- Data set: MPCAT-OBS, observational sets for numbered and unnumbered minor planets and comets.

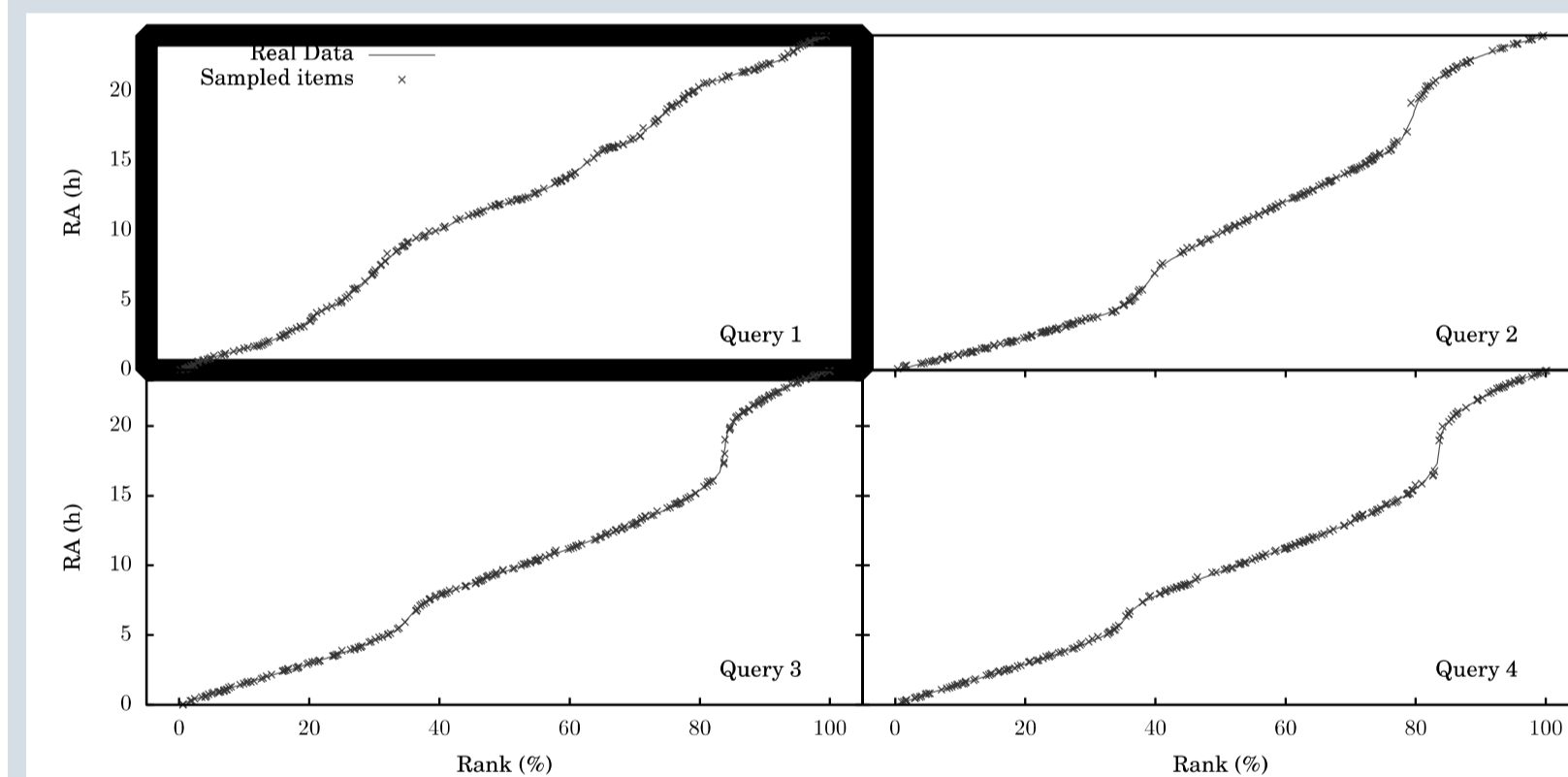
- Date is the key attribute and observatory is the summary attribute.

- Query examples

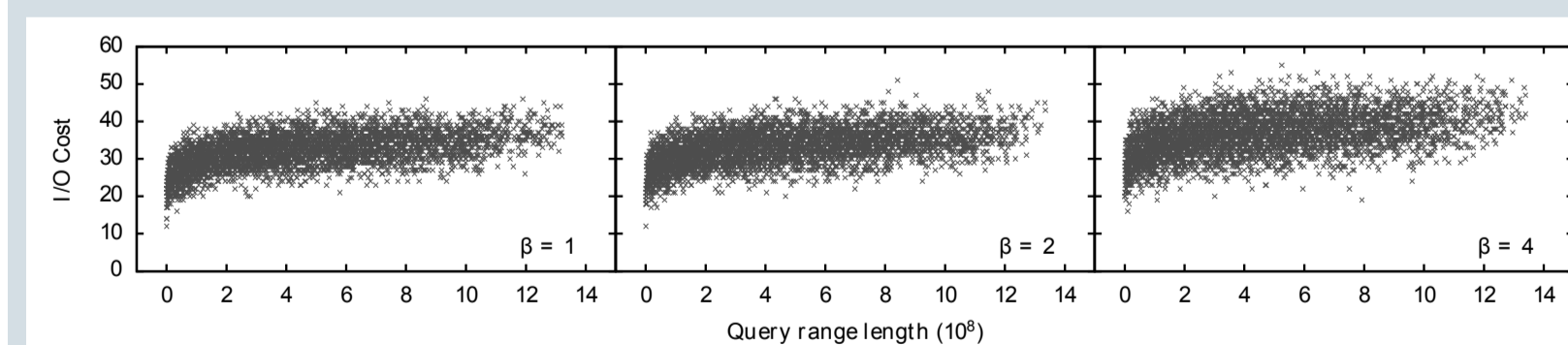
Table II. Queries

#	Start Date	End Date	Length
Q1	1800.01.01	1900.01.01	9,993
Q2	1900.01.01	2000.01.01	4,827,585
Q3	2000.01.01	2100.01.01	82,850,545
Q4	1800.01.01	2100.01.01	87,688,123

- Query results



- Query cost



## References

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